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## Charleston

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Charleston ward chapel for John Peterson, who died last Sunday night. Bishop Wayne Whiting officiated. The chorus sang, "Oh, My Father." The opening prayer was offered by John H. Price. Marjorie Provost rendered a solo; Bishop Rasband gave the opening address. The chorus sang, "Abide With Me," and President H. Clay Cummings was the second speaker, followed by Bishop Whiting. Dona Montgomery and two sisters sang, "In The Garden." The closing prayer was offered by James Ritchie. Bishop Lindsay of Center Creek dedicated the grave. Interment was in the Heber cemetery. Many out of town friends and relatives were present.

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FELIX and ROSA HASLER MARTIN were good farmers and honorable citizens. They owned the present Albert Kohler farm. They had one daughter Norma who married Henry Bollschweiler.

The JOSEPH NELSON FAMILY lived here for several years. They bought the Moroni Gerber farm which is the present site of the Midway Fish Hatchery. The family was active in all community undertakings.

JOSEPH and JANE HAMILTON NEILSON lived here in the earlier days. Mr. Hamilton was a blacksmith. They moved their family to Vernal, Utah.

JOHN ORROCK came from Richfield, Utah, to be superintendent of the Snake Creek Power Plant. He was a widower with four children. Viva, who married Henry S. Coleman, Cyril who married Leora Crompton, Beatrice married Leslie Olsen, later Fred Wagner. Anne married Clair Malin. Mr. Orrock's mother-in-law, Mrs. Morrison, came with the family to help raise the children. They were intelligent, capable people who added to the culture and growth of the community. After his children were grown and settled Mr. Orrock married Ordesa Leslie. She was a diligent worker in the Church and The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Mr. Orrock was an ardent church worker. After his retirement he and Mrs. Orrock moved to Salt Lake where they both died.

MR. and MRS. JOHN POTTER lived here with their family many years ago. Mr. Potter was a blacksmith and general repair man. Their children were John, Arnold George, Edward, Crystal and Ruby.

They all proved an asset to the community.

JOHN PETERSON, SR., and his wife lived here for many years. Mr. Peterson was an early Justice of the Peace in Midway. They had one son, John, Jr., who had two daughters by his first wife, Betsy Crawford. The girls were Lydia and Marcella. His second wife Mahalia Lance gave him a son and daughter, Guy and Amanda.

ULRICH ROHNER and his wife lived here long ago. Mr. Rohner was a widower for many years and was loved by all the neighborhood children. There was a son and daughter in the Rohner family. Emily who married Leo Hafalie and Alfred who married and settled in Arizona.

A family by the name of RAMSDELL lived here long ago. Sydney Epperson

bought the Ramsdell farm when they moved away.

Families by the name of REYNOLDS and ROBINSON lived here in the early days.

ROLFE was a familiar name in the early history of our town. Gilbert and Samuel helped in the development of our farm land.

MICHAEL and MARY ANN SHILT were honest, hard working people of Midway. They came from Switzerland. Mary Ann lived many years after her husband's death. She was a colorful, delightful person.

JACOB STREET lived in the east part of town. He moved to Idaho and settled there.

The SIEFERT family from Switzerland lived here for awhile.

Charles, Carson and Stephen, sons of MARK and AGNES SMITH all married and lived in Midway during their youthful years. Charles Smith married Erma Barben, Carson married Nellie Springer and Stephen married Annie Hasler. They all made rich contribution to the religion, social and civic life of Midway.

JOHN and MAUDIE UTIAKER, brother and sister, were brought to Midway from Switzerland by John Huber as Mormon converts. They were kind, interesting people. Maudie was a beloved character of our town.

HEBER and AMANDA FAUSETT WARDLE lived here and raised a big family. They were good, helpful people. They moved to Vernal.

SIDNEY and MARY WORSLEY and family were successful farmers here in the early days.

MR. and MRS. NEIL WHITE and family lived in the West part of town and made their contribution to the building of our community.

JOHNNY WRIGHT, a bachelor lived here in the early years of our community.

The Swiss family of WORSTEN lent their strength and help to the town for a number of years.

#### CONRAD AND MAGDALENA MURRI ABEGGLEN

Daughter of Christian Murri, Sr., and Magdalena Valsiger, born 1866 in Switzerland. Married Conrad Abegglen, Jr.

She came to Midway from Switzerland at 10 years of age in the year 1876. She lived with her uncle John Murri until her

dent in 1955 and served until 1958 when Norma L. Christensen was sustained. Beth W. Crook was sustained in August of 1960. Beth moved in 1961 and Shirley Sweat was sustained.

YOUNG MEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSN.—Organized in 1879, the YMMIA in Center Creek had as its first superintendent Benjamin Cluff. He served until 1880 when William Blanchard was sustained as superintendent. Others who have served as superintendent include James Howe, 1881; William Ryan, 1882; (no records were kept then until 1896) Hugh W. Harvey, 1896 and 1897; William Ryan, 1898 to 1899; Hugh W. Harvey, 1900 to 1904; Anthon M. Hansen, 1904; Soren C. Christensen, 1905 to 1906; Charles Jensen, 1907 to 1908; Ray Mahoney, 1909; Charles Madsen, 1910 to 1911; Louris Mahoney, 1912 to 1916; Ray Mahoney, 1917 to 1918; John J. Peterson, 1919; Louris Mahoney, 1920 to 1925; Elmer Sweat, 1926 to 1928; Otis Sweat, 1929 to 1930; Louris Mahoney, 1931 to 1934; Otis Sweat, 1935; Ewing Peterson, 1936; Delbert Sweat, 1937 to 1939; LeRoy Sweat, 1940; Kenneth Anderson, 1941 to 1950; Neil Mahoney, 1950 to 1958; Harvey Crook, 1958 to 1960 and Boyd Sweat since 1960.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION: Youth work among young women in Center Creek began on an organized basis in November of 1887 when Maria Louisa Sessions was called as the first president of the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association. Others who have served as presidents of the YLMIA or its successor, the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Assn., include the following: Mary C. Brim, 1888-1889; Mary J. Hughes, 1889 to 1891; Sarah A. Richardson, 1891-1898; Arbelia Harvey, 1898; Mary Jane Smith, 1898 to 1900; Agnes Fisher, 1900 to 1903; Maggie Hundley, 1903 to 1904; Mary Thomas, 1905 to 1906; Elizabeth Lindsay, 1907 to 1908; Nancy Mahoney, 1909 to 1911; Catherine Lloyd, 1912 to 1916; Annie H. Crook, 1917 to 1918; Amanda Edler, 1919; Della S. Peterson, 1920; Pearl Streets, 1921; Emeline Sweat, 1922; Emeline Sweat (Mahoney), 1923 to 1935; Odetta Cummings, 1935 to 1938; Emeline S. Mahoney, 1938 to 1939; Odetta Cummings, 1940 to 1943; Lila Christensen, 1943 to 1950; Katherine Muir, 1950 to 1955; Ruth Elliott, 1955 to 1957; Lorna Sweat, 1957 to 1959 and Ruth Mahoney, since 1959.

#### SCHOOLS

Until consolidation of the Wasatch County schools, Center Creek maintained an adequate educational program for its children. The first Center Creek School convened in a one room log building heated only by a pot belly stove in the middle of the room. George Wootton was one of the early teachers, and usually had some 80 students in grades one through eight. Other early teachers included Elisha Jones, Mary Brim, Sarah Muir, Violet Ryan, Brigham Clegg, Elfreda Jaspersen, Carlie Clegg, Millie Har-

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